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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF PURCHASE

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REF: NEW DELHI 14543

1. WE HAVE EXPLORED EVERY POSSIBILITY ON SHIPPING THE SHOTGUN SHELLS NOW IN HOILES' POSSESSION AND HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING. NO REPEAT NO AMMUNITION IS PERMITTED IN ANY POUCH, AIR OR SURFACE. (EVEN THE AMMO SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE ANTI-TERRORIST PROGRAM IS NOT SENT BY POUCH).

2. PAN AM TELLS US THEY WILL SHIP SHOTGUN SHELLS, PROVIDED THEY ARE PACKED IN WOOD, METAL OR FIBRE BOARD BOX, WITH INTERIOR PACKING MATERIALS TO PREVENT SHOCK OR MOVEMENT. ESTIMATE OF TOTAL SHIPPING AND PACKING COSTS TOTALS ABOUT 275 DOLS. RATE IS \$3.36 PER POUND WITH MINIMUM AIRFREIGHT CHARGE OF 22 DOLS. WE ESTIMATE NET WEIGHT OF 20 BOXES OF SHELLS AT 35 POUNDS; GROSS WEIGHT AT 70 POUNDS. AIRFREIGHT WOULD COST ABOUT 225 DOLS PLUS ABOUT 50 DOLS FOR FREIGHT FORWARDER (PACKING, DOCUMENTS, DELIVERY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DULLES AIRPORT).

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT YOU WILL NOT

WISH TO PROCEED. ADVISE IF WE ARE MISTAKEN. WE DO NOT
BELIEVE SHIPMENT CAN BE ARRANGED ON ANY BETTER TERMS OR
THERE IS ANY ROOM FOR CUTTING CORNERS ON THIS MATTER. BUT
YOU MAY WANT TO CONSULT WITH PAN AM REP IN DELHI ALSO.
REGRET THAT WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A BETTER ANSWER. ROBINSON

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